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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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TAGS: MILI, SF, MZ

SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN VESSEL STRAFED: MOZAMBIQUE VESSEL LEAVES
PORT ILLEGALLY--POSSIBLE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTIFY

REF: DURBAN 352

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 26 REPORTED THAT THE 13,000 TON COASTAL
FREIGHTER "NATALIA", DEPARTED MAPUTO ILLEGALLY ON SATURDAY JULY 23.
SHIP'S DESTINATION WAS PRESUMED TO BE DURBAN. PRESS SAID THAT THE
VESSEL, WHICH "SAILED REGULARLY UNDER THE MOZAMBIQUE FLAG AND IN THE
SERVICE OF OUR CONTRY", WAS USED BY ITS OWNER (NICOLAU LEITAO
DOS SANTOS), ITS CAPTAIN MANUEL DE BARROS WELLENKAMP) AND FOUR OTHER
PORTUGUESE NATIONALS TO LEAVE MOZAMBIQUE WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO PROOF, IT IS QUITE
PLAUSIBLE THAT A MOZAMBIQUE-BASED AILCRAFT DESPATCH TO
INTERCEPT AND TURN THE "NATALIA" BACK TO MAPUTO STRAFED
THE N/V LIMPOPO BY MISTAKE.

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